

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and I explained to him, no, I will not offer the bill, I will not co-sponsor it, I will not support it. I will oppose it and vote against it. I told it to his face. People need to know. So not trying to persuade you, but if you feel the way I feel, let me have blazed the trail. I will get the heat and I will accept it. We should vote against this bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Weihing, please, further discussion.

SENATOR WEIHING: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I agree with Senator Chambers. I agree that those plates were first set up for identification purposes. I recognize that certain groups have given special service to the country but we all give special service one way or another, and when it comes to being a veteran, I am a veteran. I was in the first flight over Normandy. I was shot down. I was also in the invasion over in Okinawa but I don't see this as a special privilege. In a sense, I had a special privilege to do this for my country. That may sound rather peculiar, but I don't feel that we need to have that on there. We have had our honors. They have been pointed out to us, but to have them out there daily, I really don't agree with it. I am going to vote against this.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Beyer, further discussion.

SENATOR BEYER: Well, Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I don't disagree with what Senator Weihing and Senator Chambers has said. A couple of years ago when I was in committee when we first started the specialized plates, I got a little up tight with them and it started, so I guess there we are, but I would like to ask Senator Chambers a question if he would yield.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers, would you respond to a question?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will.

SENATOR BEYER: Just a tongue in cheek question, Senator Chambers, what is your license number?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I will give a tongue in cheek response, 1-E39.